

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14 and 15 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 1-5, 7, 14 and 15 as being allowable. It is noted that since claim 7 is a dependent claim which is more properly an objectionable to claim. However, claim 6 has now been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 7 so that claims 6, 8, and 9 are also in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102

Claim 6 and 8-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by the article to Chappert, et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants have amended claim 6 to include the limitations of claim 7 which has been indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, claims 6, 8, and 9 now overcome this rejection.

Claim 10 has now been amended to also include the limitations previously found in claim 12. Accordingly, claim 10 includes the steps of forming two layers with two different easy axes in different directions. Since this claim now corresponds in scope to claim 6, it is also considered to be allowable.

Since the claims have all either been allowed or have been amended to be of a scope equivalent to the allowed claims, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the reference cited by the Examiner. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested.

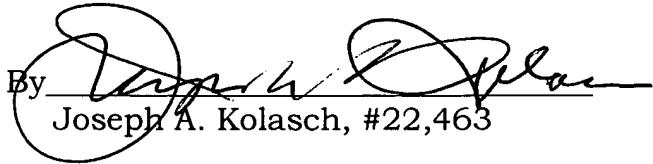
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required small entity fee of \$490 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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